

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SHIELL ANDERSON**, on February 15, 1999  
at 3:05 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Shiell Anderson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Robert C. Clark (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 565; HB 561; HB 543; HB  
460; 2/11/99

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 565**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Roy Brown, HD 14.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 5.1}***

**Proponents:** Susan J. Brockie, Billings, **EXHIBIT**(trh37a01)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.1 - 17.4}***

Michael Brockie, Billings, **EXHIBIT**(trh37a02) **EXHIBIT**(trh37a03)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 30.2}***

Kole Swanser, Economist, Billings. **EXHIBIT**(trh37a04).

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.2 - 44.5}***

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2.0}***

Jacqueline Lenmark, Helena, American Insurance Association and State Farm Insurance.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2 - 8.2}***

**Opponents:** Mike Foster, Montana Contractors' Association

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 16.2}***

Ed Maronick, President, Maronick Construction Co.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.3 - 17.8}***

**Informational Testimony:** Gary Gilmore, Administrator, Engineering Division, Department of Transportation.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.8 - 19.8}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Anderson, Gallus, Hedges, Golie, Smith, Bob Clark, Somerville to Gary Gilmore, Mike Foster, Ed Maronick, Michael Brockie, Sponsor Rep. Brown.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.8 - 30.5}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Brown closed the Hearing on HB 565.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 30.5 - 33.3}***

Vice-Chair Jore conducted the meeting at this point.

**HEARING ON HB 460**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Shiell Anderson, HD 25.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 33.3 - 37.3}***

**Proponents:** Mike Foster, Montana Contractors' Association.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 37.3 - 41.3}***

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2.0}***

Ed Maronick, Helena, Maronick Construction Co.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 3.1}**

**Opponents:** Rep. Joe Quillici, HD 36.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.1 - 11.2}**

John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation. **EXHIBIT**(trh37a05)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2 - 26.0}**

Thom Danenhower, Montana Citizen, East Helena. **EXHIBIT**(trh37a06)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26 - 29.2}**

John Schieffer, Bigfork, Maintenance Technician,

**EXHIBIT**(trh37a07)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.2 - 32.6}**

Darrell Holzer, Helena, Montana State AFL-CIO.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 32.6 - 36.5}**

Inga Nelson, Montana Federation Teachers and State Employees.  
She said Tom Schneider, MPEA could not be here but wanted to go  
on record as opposing the Bill.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 36.5 - 37}**

Ray Lincoln, representing machinists who work in the maintenance  
building.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 37 - 37.4}**

Patricia Abelin, Transportation Commissioner, Butte.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 37.4 - 37.9}**

Ken Rockeman, Big Timber, Montana Department of Transportation  
employee.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 37.9 - 39}**

Don Kinman, Executive Director, AFSCME.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 39 - 39.7}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Gallus to  
John Blacker, Mike Foster.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 39.7 - 41.4}**

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2.3}**

Reps. Hedges, Brainard, Golie, Matthews, Juneau, Smith, Paul  
Clark to John Blacker and Mike Foster.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 28.7}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Anderson closed the Hearing on HB 460.  
***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.7 - 33.1}***

**EXHIBIT**(trh37a08) **EXHIBIT**(trh37a09) **EXHIBIT**(trh37a10) given to  
Secretary by John Blacker.

**HEARING ON HB 543**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Frank Smith, HD 98, **EXHIBIT**(trh37a11).  
***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 33.1 - 40.5}***

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** Mona Jamison, Helena, General Motors.  
***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 40.5 - 41.4}***  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2.3}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Hedges,  
Bookout-Reinicke, Bob Clark, Brainard to Mona Jamison and Rep.  
Smith.  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 10.1}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Smith closed the Hearing on HB 543.  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.1 - 10.4}***

**HEARING ON HB 561**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Steve Gallus, HD 35, **EXHIBIT**(trh37a12)  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.4 - 14}***

**Proponents:** Pat Saindon, Administrator, Planning Division,  
Department of Transportation.  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 18.4}***

James Kembel, Montana Technical Council.  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4 - 18.7}***

Pat Saindon asked that Mike Foster, Montana Contractors'  
Association be included as a Proponent.

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Bookout-  
Reinicke, Brainard, Juneau, Adams, Smith, Jore to Ms. Saindon and  
John Blacker.  
***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.7 - 30.6}***  
***{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 0.9}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Gallus closed the Hearing on HB 561.  
***{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.9 - 3.4}***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:20 P.M.

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REP. SHIELL ANDERSON, Chairman

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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (trh37aad)